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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



Applicant: Elliott  
Serial No.: 08/746,901  
Filed: November 18, 1996  
Title: **SYSTEM, METHOD AND ARTICLE OF MANUFACTURE FOR  
SELECTING A GATEWAY OF A HYBRID COMMUNICATION  
SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE**

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to the continued examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 19-23 and 25-29 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims 31-38:

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--31 A method for selecting a gateway proximal to a network access point that satisfies a predefined call service on a hybrid network, wherein the hybrid network includes a circuit switched network, a packet switched network and a directory service to route a call, comprising the steps of:

transmitting a query including a type of call service to the directory service to obtain a plurality of gateways between the packet switched network and circuit switched network that match the predefined call service criteria;

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